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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARMS DELIVERY TO SENEGAL

1. AMERICAN CITIZEN COMMANDING AMERICAN BOEING 720 UNDER CHARTER OR LEASE TO PIONEER AIRWAYS OF GHANA, COMPANY OWNED 60 PERCENT BY FRENCH NATIONAL AND 40 PERCENT BY CHANAIANS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED CARGO OF ARMS FROM CAIRO TO SENEGAL. AIRCRAFT WOULD LOAD AT CAIRO AND REFUEL AT TRIPOLI AND CASABLANCA, FLYING OVER OPEN WATERS EXCEPT FOR THESE TWO STOPS. PILOT ASKED EMBASSY FOR GUIDANCE AND DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED.

2. IT OCCURED TO PILOT, AS IT DID TO EMBASSY, THAT ARMS ARE DESTINED TO PAIGC. WE TOLD HIM WE SAW THREE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS: (1) CONCERNING AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRYING ARMS DESTINED FOR USE IN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, IF THAT IS THEIR DESTINATION; (2) POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE ATTEMPT TO PROHIBIT DELIVERY; AND (3) THOSE PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE AT REFUELING STOPS IF LIBYAN AND MORROCAN GOVERNMENTS NOT INFORMED OF CARGO. PILOT SAID THESE WERE ESSENTIALLY HIS OWN MISGIVINGS AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE FEELS OBLIGATION TO PERFORM WHATEVER LEGITIMATE SERVICES HIS COMPANY REQUIRES (THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE SHIPMENT EITHER IN PACKING OR IN DOCUMENTS) HE WOULD ABIDE BY ANY U.S. DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION IN CARRYING OR REFUSING THIS CARGO.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.

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